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PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R2000-1/118

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

NOTICE CLARIFYING COMMISSION REQUEST TO UPDATE LIBRARY REFERENCES DEVELOPING CARRIER COSTS (USPS-LR-I-16 and 17)

(Issued August 15, 2000)

On August 10, 2000, the Commission received the Status Report of the United States Postal Service Concerning Requests Made at August 3, 2000, Hearing and Request for Clarification. In it, the Postal Service requests clarification of the Commission's request that it update the library references that develop city and rural carrier delivery costs (USPS-LR-I-16 and 17). The Postal Service notes that it has provided an updated "Z" file for city carriers, and expects to provide one for rural carriers by August 21, 2000. The Postal Service states that because the person able to do a full update is occupied with a number of other tasks, a full update of city carrier costs could take until September 1, and a full update of rural carrier costs could take until October 1. It asks the Commission to clarify whether full updates are contemplated.

The Commission contemplated that the carrier cost updates would include documentation explaining how the "Z" files were developed. At this time, however, it does not appear necessary to include files containing the support programs. The

Postal Service is requested to provide this documentation for USPS-LR-I-16 by September 1, 2000, and for USPS-LR-I-17 by September 8, 2000.

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